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Arizona Corporation Commission - Docket No. L-00000F-09-0190-00144 - Case #144 - V:

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Dear Chairman Foreman and Members of the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee,

I am a customer of Tucson Electric Power (TEP) and a resident of Rita Ranch in SE Tucson, Arizona. I am writing about the following concerns regarding the proposed relocation of the transmission line to Nogales, Arizona from the Nogales Substation located at Wilmot Rd to the Vail Substation, located at Rita Rd.

1. Public Outreach by the utility companies. In this case, Line Site Case 144, there was no public meeting held in Vail, Rita Ranch or Corona de Tucson.
2. Potential use of the Vail Substation as a gas fired power plant. TEP had the land up zoned by the City of Tucson just South of Rita Ranch for this purpose. Mary Ann Cleveland, a community activist from Rita Ranch fought against this rezone. How many cumulative impacts from environmental polluters should this area sustain?
3. Structure color. We request any new transmission structures installed next to existing lattice structures be constructed of galvanized steel. In virginal areas with sky and mountains as a backdrop we would also request galvanized steel..
4. Concern as a TEP customer at the exporting of power to a community far south of the Vail Substation when it was mentioned several times in the Cienega substation (137) that there were constraints on the Vail Substation via transmission line length. I question how much of this case is about providing reliable energy to Santa Cruz County and how much is about tying the Tucson Electric Power and UNS Electric regional grid together for future projects. Is this the basis for granting a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility? I question the future cumulative environmental costs to my area, such as visual impacts, water and air quality and more.

I read the article in the Tucson Weekly today where Joe Salkowski is quoted as saying "the situation is not one of outages...as much as long term reliability" Nowhere in the "Lack of Redundacy" article by Dave Devine in the May 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the Tucson Weekly does it mention that the line is anything but a system upgrade. I am concerned because this project at the north end involves construction of a completely new transmission line to the Vail Substation. It is by no means strictly an "upgrade" of an existing line.

As the member of family in a growing region already threatened by many environmental polluters, I believe and request that our community have a proactive role in neighborhood and regional transmission planning, (particularly since the Vail Substation is anticipated to have many projects in the next few years) and request that a Citizens' Advisory Council, comprised of various community associations, emergency responders, and environmental groups be added to the conditions of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility, should it be granted.

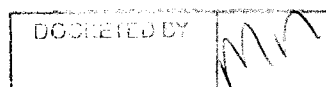
Thank you  
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